

MOST UNHAPPY BULGARIA.

Prince Ferdinand Must Abdicate the Throne or Trouble will Enue.

THE IRON CHANCELLOR VERY ILL.

Lord Salisbury's Liverpool Speech a Disappointment to the Tories.

THE LATE PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 12.—A telegram received here from Sofia states that the Bulgarian Government has issued a general demand requiring horses and wagons for the proportion of one cart and two horses from every 200 householders.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Prince Bismarck is confined to the house by renewed and severe attacks of neuralgia. His physician, Dr. Schweninger, attributes the indisposition of the chancellor to overwork.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Senate to-day re-elected M. Leroyer as president of that body.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The speech which Lord Salisbury made at Liverpool disappoints even his Tory friends, who have heard the threadbare statements he gave vent to until they are tired and worn out by their repetition.

The St. James Gazette says that "the speech was made up of matter that has been heard so often that it has become almost revolting," and intimates that the Premier is doing no good to the cause of the Government by delivering such harangues about the country.

An excitement ran high to-night in Berlin over a report that Emperor William was decidedly worse, and all places which were deemed likely to have information regarding the Kaiser were eagerly besieged by inquirers.

Mr. Sexton is said to have passed the crisis in his disease and to be getting stronger.

Mr. Gladstone has decided not to go to Rome to have an interview with Pope Leo.

A report has reached here that a general blockade against Bulgaria is contemplated by the Powers unless Prince Ferdinand will consent to abdicate the throne.

Four London merchants, Mr. Henry Gibbs, a Bank of England director; Mr. Hambro, a banker; J. S. Morgan and Baron Rothschild have each donated the sum of £50,000 as a fund for a pension for nurses of the poor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—The reopening of the universities at which the recent disturbance took place, has been postponed until the 27th of March.

Among those arrested last Tuesday for being concerned in a new plot against the life of the Czar is a railway employee. He kept the Nihilists informed regarding the Czar's journeys to and from Gatchina. On his person were found letters which showed that the plot was ripe and ready to be put in operation on the night before the arrest.

EARTHQUAKE.

Columbia and Adjacent Cities Again Experience a Shaking Up.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 12.—At 9:55 this morning the people of Columbia were startled by a loud rumbling sound similar to that caused by the running of a heavy train of cars, which in about five seconds was succeeded by a decided earth tremor. Houses were shaken, doors, windows, chandeliers and crockery rattled and telephone bells rung. Sleepers were awakened by the shock and many persons were terrified that they rushed into the streets. The vibrations continued about 10 seconds, apparently moving from North to South. The shock was generally felt throughout the State, but do damage is reported from any quarter. This is the first seismic disturbance worthy of note experienced in these sections within the past 12 months.

A \$75,000 Fire in Lowell.

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 12.—Two large factory brick blocks on Middle street were totally destroyed by fire, which broke out at 12:30 this morning. The buildings were owned by the city and were occupied as the central station of the fire department and by companies C and G, Sixth regiment, as armories. In the building were 20,000 rounds of cartridges, which kept up a constant rattling, and several kegs of gunpowder which exploded with such force as to be heard all over the city. Both buildings were completely gutted. The fire alarm telegraph system is rendered useless and every electric light in the city is extinguished, the electric light station being in close proximity to the fire and the wires being destroyed. The buildings owned by the city are valued at \$85,000. The uniforms of companies G and C, both private and regulation, with their arms, were totally destroyed. At 3 a. m. the fire was under control. It is now thought that \$75,000 will cover the total loss.

Death From Poisoned Meat.

SELMA, Ala., Jan. 12.—Three people died near Dixie, a few miles from Selma, Clinton county, under peculiarly unfortunate circumstances last Sunday. The oldest son of Mr. C. Bearden, who had been absent from home on business matters, was suddenly seized with some disease and died in a short time. Shortly afterward his eldest sister was a corpse also. While the funeral of brother and sister was in progress, a third child suddenly passed away and two others are now lying at the point of death. Physicians say death was superinduced by eating poisoned hog meat.

Killed on His Engine.

PASSAIC, N. J., Jan. 12.—Engineer Payne, of the milk train which left Jersey City at 5 o'clock this morning, was struck on the head and instantly killed a short distance west of the Bergen tunnel. It is believed he was struck by one of the new black signal posts while looking out of the window of his cab.

Smoke the Rosa Linda 5c cigar.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

One Man Killed Instantly and Another Mortally Wounded.

ANNISTON, Ala., Jan. 12.—The most terrible double tragedy that ever occurred in this State took place at the Parker House about 4 o'clock this afternoon. P. H. Evans, the young man who killed W. T. Knight in Oxford about two years ago, had some words with W. R. Williams, the proprietor of the hotel, a few days since. Evans, under the influence of whisky, entered the hotel this evening and renewed the difficulty with Williams. No one was present at the time. Several shots were heard by parties from the outside. Evans was killed instantly from the effect of a shot through the head. He received another wound in the left thumb. Williams was shot about two inches below the left nipple and about half an hour, but was unable to talk of the difficulty. Mr. Gamble, a clerk in an adjoining store, and a negro man on the outside were both wounded by stray shots. A coroner's jury was empaneled, but on account of both parties being dead no inquest was held. Williams was conscious, but was only able to give some parting advice to his heart-broken wife, who was out visiting when the tragedy occurred. Evans leaves a wife and two children; Williams a wife and one child.

THE MINE TROUBLES.

The Miners Resolve to Join Forces With the Railroaders Reconsidered.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 12.—When the joint committee and representatives from the neighboring local assemblies adjourned last night it had been unanimously decided to join the force of the railroaders and miners in a general official strike of everything. The new order of strike was officially announced, but its circulation in all quarters was delayed until after the arrival of several labor leaders and the merchants' committee later in the evening. A consultation between these elements was held and at 10 o'clock the joint committee reassembled and reconsidered the order to strike and discussed the muddled problem before them until daylight without coming to a solution.

The reconsideration of last evening's positive order to strike resulted from the report given of the merchants' interview with Mr. Corbin, in which he so plainly stated his position that the merchants' committee inclined to withhold positive action for the present. For this reason the much talked of officials' alliance between the miners and railroaders is again declared off and they are still contending, officially, separately and alone for the success of their individual demands, i. e., the miners for the 8 per cent. and the railroaders for reinstatement.

BECOMING ALARMED.

The Reading Board of Trade Will Try to Settle the Strike.

READING, Jan. 12.—The Board of Trade held a meeting to-night and appointed a committee consisting of Henry S. Eckhart, George F. Lance, J. B. Erick, J. N. Righter and S. E. Ancona to confer with President Corbin with a view of settling the strike. They were also directed to confer with John L. Lee, John H. Davis and William F. Lewis, leaders of the present strike.

This is an important move and is indicative as to the alarm felt in this valley concerning the great strike. Isaac McHose, one of the leading furnace men in the Schuylkill Valley, presided over the meeting. It is probable that Messrs. Lee, Davis and Lewis will be asked to come to Reading, but if they object, the committee will proceed to Pottsville. Mr. Corbin will probably see the committee either on Saturday or Monday.

The Eleventh Victim.

HAVERTHILL, Mass., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Flora E. Walker, the eleventh victim of the Bradford railroad disaster, died last night. She never recovered consciousness and her identity can only be guessed from a portion of a letter found in her pocket addressed to Mrs. Flora E. Walker, in which appeared the words "My dear wife." She was about 22 years of age and suffered terribly after being taken from the wreck. Mr. Hart and Mr. Wentworth are dying. The others are comfortable. All the dead at the police station have been taken away by friends.

Suicide.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Theodore Houston, formerly vice-president of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad Company, and later receiver of the West Shore railroad, committed suicide at his residence on Madison avenue to-day by shooting himself in the head. He was unconscious for some time after the shooting and refused to make any statement. His wife says she knows of no reason for the deed. He was 49 years old.

Horrible Death.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—Mrs. George Lasher, wife of a confectioner, living at 50 Plum Alley, committed suicide about noon to-day when alone at home by pouring coal oil over her clothing and deliberately setting them on fire. She was burned almost beyond recognition when found, and lived but a few hours. She had been acting strangely of late and it is supposed she did it in a moment of mental aberration.

Senator Ingalls' Residence Burned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Ingalls to-day received a telegram from his home at Atchison, Kas., informing him of the total destruction by fire of his residence. Everything, including his large and valuable library, was completely destroyed. The loss is about \$20,000 over and above insurance.

Death of a Clergyman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The Rev. Caspar M. Wines, an Episcopalian clergyman, died to-day at his residence in this city from the effects of an overdose of hashish. He had been in the habit of taking the drug to allay suffering caused by consumption. He was 46 years old and single.

Prince Frederick Faints.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—La France announces that a dispatch has been received to-day at the German embassy in Paris stating that Crown Prince Frederick William fainted and remained unconscious several hours.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

President Cleveland's Reception to the Diplomatic Corps.

A MOST BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE.

Pretty Mrs. Cleveland Receives in Her Usual Charming Manner.

THE LADIES IN GORGEOUS RAINMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The President's reception to the diplomatic corps took place this evening and proved in every way a brilliant affair. The great east room was decorated in the most elaborate manner. Masses of palms and tropical plants bulged from the fire-places and screened the walls to a height of six feet. The mantles were covered with roses, lilies of the valley and heliotrope and others with beds of rare ferns and orchids. The pillars at the main door leading into the private hallway were adorned with large shields of flowers, white simalax and clinging plants entwined the chandeliers. The adjoining parlors were also beautifully bowered. Just before 9 o'clock the Presidential party came down the private staircase and swept through the corridor and into the blue room and took up a position in front of the party of ladies already there. In another moment the members of the diplomatic corps, who had been waiting in the red room, marched slowly in and were presented to the President and the army and navy. Senators and Representatives and those of the outside public who were invited came after the diplomats. The crowd was greater to-night than at any diplomatic reception ever held, and the great parlors never contained a more brilliant assemblage. All the notables of the social, official and diplomatic life of the capital mingled and intermingled, and the scene between the hours of 9 and 11 was like that of a magnificent gala ball.

Mrs. Cleveland was gowned in red plush, trimmed with gold lace. She looked charmingly and the murmurs of admiration near the receiving line were constant. The night was cold, and flakes of snow fell on the full toilets of the women as they entered their carriages bound homeward. The wool conference continued all day. At the morning session, the wool growers, by request of the manufacturers, submitted a schedule which they were willing to stand by. This was not satisfactory to the manufacturers, and a committee consisting of four representatives each from the growers, manufacturers and dealers, was appointed to harmonize the differences and report the result to a full meeting. No agreement had been reached to-night.

Col. McDonald, connected with the United States Fish Commission, is being strongly urged for the appointment as Fish Commissioner.

Pending Nominations in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate in secret session this afternoon discussed for half an hour the order of business, and decided not to take up the cabinet nominations and that of Mr. Lamar till next week. The Republicans insisted that the nominations should be considered in the order they are on the calendar. There are a large number of miscellaneous nominations before those of the cabinet officers and that of Mr. Lamar comes before those of Messrs. Vilas and McKinnon. Inasmuch as those above the latter two may not be disposed of under several weeks, the Democrats insisted that there would be unnecessary delay and inconvenience in the reorganization of the cabinet.

Visited the Bradford Schools.

Rev. C. S. Graham and Wm. Weiss, of Reading, visited the schools of Bradford yesterday. They were a special committee especially detailed by the School Board of Reading to inspect the schools of the State. The gentlemen had heard of the high standing of the Bradford schools and their great efficiency and came on to see for themselves. President Harris and J. M. McClure took the committee in charge and the schools were inspected thoroughly.

Summer Hotel Burned.

KEENE, N. H., Jan. 12.—Mount Huggins, a summer hotel at Swansee, built several years ago, but never opened, was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$15,000; partially insured. The property was recently purchased by Mr. M. I. Sherman, of this place.

Stolen Bonds.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Albany merchant from whom \$20,000 worth of unregistered bonds were stolen, is Mr. James Milwain, of Boyce & Milwain, wholesale hatters and furriers. It is believed by him that the bonds will be returned.

Insanity Saved His Neck.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The jury in the case of John Daily, for the murder of Joseph G. C. Kennedy, on trial in the courts here for the past week, to-night brought in a verdict of not guilty because of insanity.

Serious Illness of John Swinton.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—John Swinton grew worse to-night. He is delirious and little hope of his recovery is entertained.

A GRAND distribution of prizes will take place under the auspices of the Central Hose Company on Jan. 18. A few more tickets remain unsold. Now is the time to try your luck.

A TEMPERANCE TALK.

Grand Councilor Emery of the R. T. of T. Makes a Clever Speech.

The Royal Templars of Temperance were out in full force last night at the meeting of Tuna Council No. 17, at Hevenor's hall. Hon. John M. Emery, Grand Councilor R. T. of T. of Pennsylvania, was present and presented the members with their charter. Foster Brook Council and Bradford Council No. 80 were well represented. When the regular work had been disposed of a literary and musical programme was nicely carried out. The opening piece was an instrumental selection by the Grand Council orchestra. Brother Siggins read a touching story from the life of a book agent which brought down the house. The Misses Slingerland sang a beautiful duet entitled "Come with Me."

Grand Councilor Emery then addressed the assemblage in a most entertaining and instructive manner, depicting in convincing language the benefits to be derived from temperance. He spoke of the discovery of alcohol 14,000 years ago, and how it was regarded as the water of life—a panacea for every ill. In the lapse of time we find that it proves a curse instead of a blessing which wise men avoid as the agency of much evil. Many people believed that the trees of this deep-rooted evil could not be felled because of the jungle of popular indifference which grows up about them. This brush should be removed and the axe applied with force and vigor. The speaker said that not long ago he had been called a Prohibitionist. The term was an appropriate one. Every Royal Templar is a Prohibitionist—not necessarily in a political sense, but in practice. Every member has pledged himself and himself to the suppression of the rum traffic. It is a grand work and successful results are sure to attend the efforts of the order, if with fidelity and zeal its grand mission is carried out. The sanctity of home is preserved by industry and temperance. Twenty thousand homes are made desolate and broken up in this commonwealth annually by means of intemperance. It is plainly our duty to retard the progress of this disastrous traffic. Paul has said that women should learn religious precepts from the men; they are told to keep silent in our councils. That sentiment does not exist to-day. The noblest organization of the century is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—has shown that woman can accomplish. That association growing from a small beginning in a small Ohio town, has in a few years grown to such an extent that its good work and influence encircles the globe. All honor to the noble women who aid in this mission!" Mr. Emery detailed the duties of the members and officers and told of the women's club which he belonged to the grand temperance and beneficial order of the Royal Templars of Temperance. He was listened to with much interest.

The programme closed with the song "Merrily Dance the Stars To-Night," by the Grand Council quartette, select reading by Mrs. W. W. Larroway, music by the orchestra and remarks by Select Councilor Larroway. Council No. 17 is only three months old as yet, but it shows up well for a young organization. New members are constantly being added to its list and it soon will rank with older lodges.

HIGH INSURANCE RATES.

The Board of Trade Tackles the Question—Dues Slowly Being Paid.

At a meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade, held at their hall last night, there was a large attendance. Various matters of interest were fully discussed. The matter of re-employing Col. A. I. Wilcox as agent of the Board was brought up. The sentiment of those who were present favored his continuance in that position, but on account of the tardiness of the people in paying dues against the Board, the matter was deferred and referred to the Executive Committee. That committee was instructed to report at next meeting. Unless the payment of dues, etc., are more prompt the services of the general agent will have to be discontinued.

The subject which occasioned the most discussion and attracted the most attention was the insurance question. The feeling was generally expressed that rates must be reduced and various plans suggested.

It was at length decided that at the next meeting the local insurance agents would be invited to attend and that a committee be sent to the headquarters of the various companies represented here and request them to reduce their rates, and if this reduction is not obtained a movement is suggested whereby a local insurance company can be organized to exclude outside companies from doing business here.

Progressive Whist Party.

About fifty people enjoyed a progressive whist party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver on Congress street last night. The party was given in honor of Miss Clapp, of Waverly, N. Y., and Miss Eighmey, of Sayre, Pa., who are the guests of Mrs. Weaver. The high prizes were secured by Miss Callender and Mr. Craine, and the second high fell to Miss Andrews and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Mr. Mills and Miss Stowe took the prizes awarded for the most skillful cheating. A bountiful repast was served and a half dozen figures of a "german" passed through before the delighted participants left for their homes.

Will be Buried at Binghamton.

The remains of Mr. Michael H. Murphy, who died at Halsey Wednesday night, were brought to Webster's undertaking rooms in this city yesterday. Mr. Daniel Murphy, a brother of the deceased, arrived from Binghamton yesterday and the remains will be taken to that place to-day for interment. The United Natural Gas Company will send two men to accompany the remains. Deceased, who was 36 years of age, had been for several years in the employ of the company and was universally liked and respected by his associates. Supt. Henry pays a high compliment to the memory of the deceased. He was one of his most valuable men.

We have the best assortment of goods on our 5c, 10c and 25c counters to be found in the State.

HEVENOR BROS. Cash Store.

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Smoke the Rosa Linda 5c cigar.

THE WHITE SAND POOLS.

They Are of Small Area and of Rather Limited Production.

THEIR OUTPUT SINCE THE START.

Statistics of Cherry Grove, Balthow, Washington, Thorn Creek, Cooper, Etc.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CLARION.

The Clarion Well.

CLARION, Pa., Jan. 12.—[Special.]—The Normal School well drilled half an hour to-day and made 30 bbls. the last 24 hours. The pipes are frozen up and the well is not packed yet. They expect to pack it to-morrow. I think she is a 25 bbl. well and may do better when it is packed.

Random Notes.

Information has been received at P. A. headquarters from a reliable field man setting forth that the Armstrong well, in the Wilcox district, if not dry is no better than it ought to be.

Charley Book's second well, on East Hickory, is about dry in every sense. Very little gas was found and no oil whatever. Mr. Book says they've succeeded in packing the gasser at the mouth of Queen and that the pipe has been ordered with which to carry it to Tidiot.

The White Sand Pools.

Since the advent of Cherry Grove in 1882, the white sand pools have played an important part in influencing the value of crude and sustaining the average production of the Pennsylvania and New York Oil Regions. They have generally been of limited areas and short-lived; the territory on which they have been located was usually spotted and treacherous, and on the whole, they have caused disaster to many, while showering fortunes upon a few. The productive wells which they have furnished have been the largest in the world, but dwindle rapidly away to insignificant proportions. In spite of the positive knowledge that even they have in regard to this kind of territory, the report that a well has been struck in some little known locality whose production is quoted by the hour instead of by the day is enough to create a panic on "Change and put a violent check on any tendency of the crude fractions to move upward. It does little good to point to past precedents at such a time. A well in white sand territory is flowing 100 to 150 bbls. an hour, as the case may be, and everybody is terror-stricken. The figures below show very plainly that the white sand pool has always been vastly over-rated, and has exerted an influence on commercial values altogether out of proportion to its real importance.

The outlying territory from the borders of McKean county, southward to Pittsburg and beyond, has been exceedingly prolific of white sand pools of late years and doubtless more still remain to be discovered. And each month the sanguine wildcat pursues his search for more of them, and as he reaps his harvest of dry holes and gas wells the chances of their discovery is steadily narrowed down to smaller proportions.

In the following table the pipe line runs from 12 of the most important white sand pools that have been brought to light within the past six years are given. It will be seen that the production from this source has been increased each year with one exception since 1882. But the total production of the entire 12 pools in six years is only 26,000,000 bbls., a little more than the Bradford yield in 1881, and a few millions in excess of the total output of Allegheny.

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	Total.
Cherry Grove.	2,343,400	2,531,312	2,984,042	1,338,800	1,087,876	773,346	13,366,676
Cooper.	344,000	1,005,358	1,004,540	1,404,964	1,000,000	100,000	5,759,862
Balthow.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Washington.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Thorn Creek.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Cooper.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Clarion.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Thorn Creek.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Cooper.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Washington.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
Thorn Creek.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000
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